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Stanley T. CrookeSerial No.: **09/479,783**Group Art Unit: **1635**Filed: **January 7, 2000**Examiner: **S. McGarry**For: **Oligoribonucleotides And Ribonucleases For Cleaving RNA****Certificate of Facsimile Transmission**

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 101-105 as follows:

- ⁹⁷101. (New claim) A double-stranded RNA comprising a duplex of a first oligonucleotide and a second oligonucleotide, wherein said first and said second oligonucleotides each include a portion having at least four consecutive ribofuranosyl residues having phosphodiester linkages, wherein said portions are base-paired with each other in said duplex, and wherein one of said first and said second oligonucleotides comprising from eight to fifty nucleoside subunits.
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